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No accommodation for the Rail Road being, therefore, practicable by any absolute exaction of the State consistently with the dignity of the laws, and therefore the dignity of the State, a conciliatory arrangement was the only course left to the committee. And that arrangement the undersigned believed should assume as a principle, that the Canal Company's privileges were effectively her property, and that any surrender or relaxation of them was fairly a subject for her consideration, and as fairly might be a subject for difference of opinion but to be reconciled and decided only by dispassionate conference.

In a concern of asserted and vested right and discretionary action, such as the relations of the two companies presented at a crisis in the affairs of the Rail Road so vital, called to an issue which deeply involved the great stake of the State and of a large number of enterprising citizens, the undersigned could not approach a treaty for adjustment under any excitement of supposed offence to the dignity of Maryland in the disappointment of her wishes, expressed to the canal company.

With these views, and in this temper were received the proposals of arrangement made to the committee by the President of the Canal Company; and a scheme of compromise has been finally fixed upon between the majorities of the committee and the President which will, it is confidently believed, be sanctioned readily by both corporations.

The provisions of this adjustment are embodied in a bill agreed upon by the joint committee, and has been reported by the committee on the part of the house of delegates, to that body. The undersigned would, however, briefly present a summary of the terms:

1. The Canal Company assents to the joint construction with the Canal, of the Rail Road through the passes of the Point of Rocks to Harper's Ferry.
2. When the rail road shall be completed to that point, the state shall subscribe for twenty five hundred shares of the stock of the canal company.
3. The canal company is to be allowed to sell the water powers of the canal under the conditions of the grant made by Virginia of the like privilege, and with the further condition that the mill seats that may be disposed of, shall not be used for grist mills.